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Figs. 3A-3E are diagrams

Fig. 3 is a diagram

Figs. 4A-4E are diagrams

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Fig. 8 is a diagram illustrating the concept of a local region.

Fig. 10 is a diagram illustrating the concept of a local region

Figs 12A-2C are diagrams

~~Fig. 12 is a diagram~~

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Fig. 15 is a diagram illustrating the concept of a structure of an in a local region.

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Fig. 17 is a graph illustrating a weighting factor.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Several embodiments of the present invention will now be described in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings. Fig. 1 shows a block diagram of an imaging apparatus, which is an embodiment of the present invention. The configuration of the apparatus represents an embodiment of the apparatus in accordance with the present invention. The operation of the